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## **Rare and classic cars on display at Touchmark Car Show** *Donations support meals for seniors*

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The 1954 Buick Skylark debuted the year Neal Arntson graduated from high school.

It was love at first sight.

More than 40 years later, Arntson became the proud owner of the limited edition convertible.

The car, one of only 836 made, will be on display at the ninth annual Touchmark Car Show scheduled for Saturday, June 18. The show runs 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 2911 S.E. Village Loop in east Vancouver. The popular summer event draws thousands of car enthusiasts. Along with more than 100 cars, there will be music, entertainment and a barbecue.

Arntson will also be bringing a 1951 Chevrolet Suburban and 1956 Chevrolet Nomad to the show.

There is no charge for the car show and barbecue, but donations are accepted for the Meals on Wheels People. Over the past eight years, more than \$20,000 has been raised to benefit the nonprofit that serves meals to homebound and other seniors. Last year's show raised \$6,680, the largest single-event collection.

Arntson, 79, helped run the family business, Albina Fuel, for nearly 50 years.

"I still go to my office, but I don't work," he joked. He regularly travels to Tacoma where he serves on the board of the LeMay-America's Car Museum. The 165,000-square-foot museum is right by the Tacoma Dome.

He and his wife, Joyce, now live at Touchmark at Fairway Village. His car collection is stored nearby. The couple has a blended family of seven children, 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arntson turned his attention to his car hobby after his children were grown. Unlike

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some collectors who carefully store their vehicles, only bringing them out to show them off, Arntson likes to take advantage of the souped-up engines rumbling under the classic exteriors.

“If you can’t drive them, they aren’t any fun,” he said.

What is fun at shows is reminiscing with people who remember the cars from their youth.

“Most people want to talk about the cars of their childhood,” Neal said. “It is all about that.”

“Besides bringing car enthusiasts together, the Touchmark Car Show is all about celebrating community and raising money to help support the work of Meals on Wheels People,” said Touchmark Car Show organizer Kellie Wagnild. “It’s always a lot of fun and helps a great cause!”

### **About Meals on Wheels People**

The Meals on Wheels People produces 5,000 hot, nutritious meals five days each week and delivers them to 30 senior centers throughout Clark, Multnomah and Washington counties where they are served to seniors in dining rooms and delivered to frail, homebound elderly people.

### **About Touchmark**

Touchmark at Fairway Village is a full-service retirement community offering a wide range of homes, lifestyle options and services. More information is available at [Touchmark.com](http://Touchmark.com).

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